

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 390

Prohibiting text messaging by employees of the Senate while driving on
official business.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 2010

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) submitted
the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules
and Administration

RESOLUTION

Prohibiting text messaging by employees of the Senate while
driving on official business.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON TEXT MESSAGING BY EM-**
3 **PLOYEES OF THE SENATE WHILE DRIVING**
4 **ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this resolution—

6 (1) the term “employee of the Senate” means
7 any employee whose pay is disbursed by the Sec-
8 retary of the Senate; and

9 (2) the term “text messaging” means reading
10 from or entering data into any handheld or other

1 electronic device, including for the purpose of SMS
2 texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, obtaining navi-
3 gational information, or engaging in any other form
4 of electronic data retrieval or electronic data commu-
5 nication.

6 (b) PROHIBITION.—An employee of the Senate may
7 not engage in text messaging when—

8 (1) driving a Government owned or leased vehi-
9 cle;

10 (2) driving a privately owned or leased vehicle
11 while on official business; or

12 (3) using text messaging equipment provided by
13 any office or committee of the Senate while driving
14 any vehicle at any time.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—This reso-
16 lution shall apply to the 111th Congress and each Con-
17 gress thereafter.

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